

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Things are Looking Up

Our fourth and final field day of 2017 was held at Hadleigh Park on 30th December. As well as HF and VHF rigs and various antennas, John, M0JRW, was able to tap into the down-link from satellite A091.



Field Night

Camping at Crowsheath (near Wickford) has been a regular occurrence at TARG for many years. We have exclusive use of a field to pitch a tent or park a caravan; and antennas can be left in place for the week. A date in May is being considered. If you are a TARG camper then contact Norman M0FZW by 31st Jan to make a decision on viability.



Give it a Go

Any TARG member is welcome to volunteer for the task of Net Controller. Speak to a member of the committee.

What shall we do now?

TARGet Nite is a valuable asset for TARG members with various activities being run simultaneously.



The next one is on 19th January. Tony, G0JYI, has made this device (below) so lots of Morse Code Keys can be plugged into one oscillator.



Brand new HF and VHF antennas have been installed at the club hall thanks to Norman M0FZW, Mark M0IEO and Huw M0LHT, so there will be the chance to call "CQ" on club equipment. And there will be soldering too.

We are really keen that this aspect of the club should flourish and that means covering the topics that our membership wants. Requests for future topics should be emailed to:

TARGET@ThamesARG.org.uk

Club Talks

The January meeting (always on the 1st Friday of the month) had Nigel M0ICH talk through the adventures of going portable. First a short PowerPoint on preparation and then an invitation to the audience on what to pack. The tables were cleared and all the kit brought out from behind the screen one item at a time. We managed to remember everything from your licence to spare fuses.



The next talk (2nd Feb) is being given by Fred 2E0FRE, on his specialist subject: First-Aid. Expect some practical aspects to this presentation too.

Planning for 2018

The Committee met on 9th Jan and there is so much planned for this year that you are best looking at the Diary Page of the Website to see What's On.

For example; we are in the early stages of planning a radio event to mark the end of the WW1. We may set up a chain of stations along the banks of the Thames linking sites of WW1 interest.

Date for Diary: Canvey Rally on Sunday 4th February. If you've not been before it's certainly worth a visit. TARG will be there so stop by to say Hello, and say hello to lots of buys as there is always a bargain lurking somewhere.